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Prevention of armed conflict: draft resolution (A/66/L.36) ... [34]

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 21 February 2012, in the Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01, in connection with the agenda item "Peace and security in Africa: The impact of transnational organized crime on peace, security and stability in West Africa and the Sahel region".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; room TB-08083; fax 1 (917) 367-0406), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

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General Assembly
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The co-facilitators on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs will hold follow-up consultations with the following major Groups, as follows:

African Group:
Today, 16 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Group of 77 and China:
Friday, 17 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Western European and Other States Group:
Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions:
Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will take place on Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). A letter from the Chair, dated 31 January 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An election will be held for the appointment of three judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, under sub-item (j) of agenda item 115 (documents A/66/664 and A/66/682), on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Adoption of recommendations on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2 and A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.3) . . . . . [3]

3–6 p.m. 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Adoption of recommendations on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.2 and A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.3) . . . . . [3]

Substantive matters . . . . . [4]

[Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (room IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D. The official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Global field support strategy

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category
Informal meeting

An informal meeting (closed) of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category will take place *today*, 16 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Background documentation for the Working Group, including a draft programme and issues note for this meeting, is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/ >.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

The informal consultations of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, scheduled for *today*, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB), *have been cancelled.*

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global governance" (under agenda item 123 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 16 February 2012

Arab Group (First Committee experts) (capital-arms trade)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on global governance)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Other activities

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Thursday, 16 February 2012

Sensitization seminar for members of the International Seabed Authority (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ching Suntaree, Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority (tel. 1 (212) 963-6411).]

Special DPI/NGO briefing on "Greening the value chain for a sustainable and equitable future" (on the occasion of the World Day of Social Justice) (organized by NGO Relations, Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO))

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. The ILO extends a special invitation to all members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff to attend this event. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1(917) 367-9380); or Mr. Kevin Cassidy, ILO (e-mail cassidy@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 110).]

Briefing on "Sustainable development" (organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF))

From 1.15 to 2.30 in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nritya Subramaniam, IMF New York Office (e-mail nsubramaniam@imf.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4738).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Friday, 17 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), on peacekeeping and peacebuilding, and personnel.

2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda and the draft work programme of the session are contained in documents A/AC.121/2012/L.1 and A/AC.121/2012/L.2, respectively. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat, as of the above date (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (917) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 264th meeting on Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2012 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Secretary of the Special Committee, or Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Deputy Secretary (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room IN-608E; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)), the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2012.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its 17th meeting on Friday, 17 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held on Friday 17 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB) (room to be confirmed); and from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

For the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict" (under agenda item 123 (a)) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Indonesia)

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Western European and Other States (at the expert level) (informal briefing by the Department of Political Affairs on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 65/283 on strengthening the role of mediation (A/RES/65/283))

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room TB-10102 (Teachers' Building (730 Third Avenue)).

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (at the expert level) (informal briefings by the Department of Political Affairs, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

African Group (at the expert level) (informal briefing by the Department of Political Affairs on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 65/283 on strengthening the role of mediation (A/RES/65/283))

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 23 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Workshop to discuss a draft report of a review of the independent system-wide evaluation mechanism within the United Nations system (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Friday, 17 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Masumi Ono, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (e-mail ono@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4096).]

Briefing on "The role of education for peacebuilding: Support for the United Nations-mandated University for Peace" (by the Rector of the University for Peace) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica and the Netherlands and the University for Peace)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 11 am in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Jessica Saavedra, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (e-mail contact.costaricamission@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 11).]

Informal discussion on the "Responsibility while protecting" (co-chaired by the Minister of External Relations of Brazil and the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All permanent representatives and permanent observers are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Brazil (e-mail delbrasonu@delbrasonu.org; tel. 1 (212) 372-2600; fax 1 (212) 371-5716).]

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to,5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; room DC1-603).]

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012;

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *Friday, 24 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 15 February 2012

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

5th meeting

The Chair made a statement.

Adoption of recommendations on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty . . . . . [3]

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Burundi, Uruguay, Poland, Qatar, the Czech Republic, Mexico (on behalf of the Bahamas, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay), Pakistan, the Syrian Arab republic, Belarus, Ireland, Australia, Senegal, Denmark, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Zambia, Ghana, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the Niger, Ecuador, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Colombia and the Boliviarian Republic of Venezuala.

6th meeting

The Chair made a statement.

Adoption of recommendations on all relevant procedural matters, including the composition of the Bureau, the draft agenda and the submission of documents, for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty . . . . . [3]

The Chair suspended the meeting to hear statements from representatives of non-governmental organizations in an informal meeting.

The Chair resumed the meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ecuador, Sweden, Jamaica, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, New Zealand, Peru, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Pakistan, Chile, Japan, Egypt, Morocco, Kenya, Nigeria, Malaysia, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, Algeria, the Republic of Korea, Ireland, India, Belgium and Cuba.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

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African States:

Tunisia

H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Gran

Security Council

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